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- 25X1X 1. Commander Malabanan, an influential HMB leader who reportedly has been considering the possibility of surrendering to the Government, was dissuaded from this action by a Chinese Communist leader in the Philippines who is believed to have considerable influence among high officials of the Philippine Communist Party and the HMB movement.
2. The Chinese Communist leader probably maintains contact with an assassination squad, and he may have used threats of violence as a means of dissuading Malabanan from surrendering.

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1. **Comment.** [REDACTED] an HMB leader, known as Malabanan is also known as Dimasalang (possibly Dimas-Alang), which is a pseudonym used by HMB Colonel Jose de Leon. However, de Leon has not been reported to have used the name Malabanan. Other reports which have referred to the activities of Malabanan, who is believed to be known as Teofilo Malabanan, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] referred to Teofilo Malabanan, who is believed to be Malabanan.

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25X1A [REDACTED] referenced previous reports on Jose de Leon and described his recent activities.

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